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# Family of Faith Ministry Newsletter

ST. JOSEPH PARISH

October 2021

Celebrating  
the month  
of the *Holy*  
*Rosary*



*“The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers, it is the prayer that touches most the Heart of the Mother of God ... and if you wish peace to reign in your homes, recite the family Rosary.” (Pope Saint Pius X)*

Happy Feast of the Guardian  
Angels - Oct.2

Angel of God,  
my guardian dear,  
To whom God's love  
commits me here,  
Ever this day,  
be at my side,  
To light and guard, to  
rule and guide. Amen.

Dear FFM Parents,

*“Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart.” Luke 2:19*

Mary is a great example of faith, love, and prayer. Although, she did not fully understand the meaning of the message of God, yet she kept everything in her heart and allow His Words to take root in her.

May our Family of Faith Ministry follows her example of faith, love and prayer. Let's us take this month together with our Mother Mary praising God through the bead of the Rosary so that we can meditate the mysteries of Jesus' life, to love Jesus as she does.

In October, our children will start their lessons about Faith. There will be two lessons:

- Lesson 1 'I believe' children will begin to think about their faith in God.
- Lesson 2 'In God, the father Almighty' children will understand the mystery of God, His divine attributes and the Holy Trinity.

With each lessons, parents and children will be provided different activities to practice together. This is a fantastic way for the family to learn about God together.

We encourage you to start to build a weekly routine every Sunday to learn about God. The *Family of Faith Parents' Guide* is a great material for us to help our children to learn about God.

Peace & Blessings,

- FFM Core Team



## OCTOBER

Oct 3: Family Mass at 12noon | Youth Mass at 7pm  
Parents and students sessions

1:15pm - 2:15pm | 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Oct 10: Family Mass | Vietnamese & Chinese Sessions

Oct 17: Family Mass

Sacramental Prep. & Adaptive Faith

Oct 24: Family Mass | Vietnamese & Chinese Sessions

Oct 31: Family Mass | Sharing at home & Family Storybook

## OUTREACH & ACTIVITIES TEAM

The Outreach and Activities team has planned an at home activity for you and your student(s) to enrich the family faith journey. We will have kits for each of the parent(s), and the student(s) to make their own rosary. Instructions are included in the kits. We invite you all to pray the rosary as a family and look forward to seeing all of your rosary creations! Our rosaries will be blessed by Fr. Anthony at the Family Mass on October 10th and October 17th. Please continue to pray the rosary at home and bring it to the mass for the blessing.

Please make sure you pick up your family activity packet at the October 3rd meeting.

In preparation for the upcoming holiday season, we are partnering with the St Vincent de Paul ministry for Pantry food distribution. A sign-up sheet with the various options available will be passed out at the parent meeting and will also be available at the Family masses.

## PRAYER TEAM

The Prayer team's mission is to encourage families to pray at home as a family and along with the community. Through the Prayer Box activity and some online group prayer sessions, we would like our families to join in prayer. *The family that prays together, stays together.* If you would like to join our team to plan activities or to pray with us, please send us an email. **Please join our online block rosary for the month of October. It is a daily devotion for the entire month from 7:30 to 8 pm. Come join us in prayer to our Holy Mother.**

Here's the Zoom link for the St. Joseph Block Rosary for October 1 - October 31, 2021 @ 7:30 - 8:00pm,

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88256841212?pwd=UktjSmxEQ2JXdzBjeHRCSGpoZjRhZDZ09>

Zoom Meeting ID: 882 5684 1212

Passcode: FIAT



## OCTOBER: FAITH SHARING AT HOME

### **October 3-9: Lesson 1 - I Believe**

❑ *A Family of Faith Parent's Guide*: Pgs. 15 - 25  
(Please choose one from the activities to do as a family this week: 10-20 minutes)

### **October 10-16: Lesson 2 - In God, the Father Almighty**

❑ *A Family of Faith Parent's Guide*: Pgs. 26 - 40  
(Please choose one from the activities to do as a family this week: 10-20 minutes)

Video for parents: Click Here [The CREED](https://creed.wordonfire.org/watch-episode-1)  
<https://creed.wordonfire.org/watch-episode-1>.

**October 24-29: Family Storybook (Scrapbook).** Create a monthly reflection of your family's experience of being a domestic Church at home. You can include pictures of your family doing activities together either indoors or outdoors.

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